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What happened to the RHIC budget on the way to us?

- The President's budget reduced RHIC by 8% from FY05
- Both the House and Senate bills restored us to reasonable levels
- The conference proceedings to provide a final bill reduced it back to the presidential level. Our funds were turned into pork renderings.
 - FY05, \$101M, 32 weeks of cryo operations, \$50/MWH, \$10M power
 - FY06, \$93M, \$100/MWH
 - If FY06=FY05 weeks, power cost would rise from \$10M->\$20M
 - Average inflation rate, excluding power is 4%
- To remain at the same operations level of 32 weeks we would have needed an increase of \$13.6M. Instead we were reduced by \$8M
- What are we doing?
 - Reducing staff, purchases and services.
 - Combining FY06 and FY07 runs
- There is likely to be an additional 1% rescission imposed by Congress.